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## Media Advisory

### **Time to Vaccinate Your Preteen**

*Preteen Vaccine Week* is January 18-24

**WHAT:** The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will proclaim January 18-24, 2009 *Preteen Vaccine Week*. This campaign will kick off January 14, 2009 with an educational event at John Muir Middle School, where students will learn about the importance of vaccines and other healthy habits.

**WHEN:** Proclamation by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:  
Tuesday, January 13, 2009 - 9:30 a.m.

Preteen Vaccine Week Kickoff Event:  
Wednesday, January 14, 2009 – 9:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Proclamation by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 W Temple St, Los Angeles, 90012

Preteen Vaccine Week Kickoff Event:  
John Muir Middle School  
5929 S Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, 90044

**WHY:** *Preteen Vaccine Week* is an annual statewide awareness campaign designed to highlight the benefits of immunizations and regular doctor visits for preteens (11-12 year olds). There are more than 313,000 preteens living in Los Angeles County. Preteen vaccines can protect against diseases such as bacterial meningitis, whooping cough, chickenpox, and human papillomavirus (HPV).

**Visuals:**

- Presentation of *Preteen Vaccine Week* proclamation from Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and Immunization Coalition of Los Angeles County (Los Angeles Board of Supervisors meeting and Preteen Vaccine Week Kickoff Event)
- Students from John Muir Middle School participating in games designed to teach awareness about immunizations (Preteen Vaccine Week Kickoff Event)
- Printed materials demonstrating the impact of immunizations (Preteen Vaccine Week Kickoff Event)

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